

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: DRIVING FORCE TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel both occurrences of claim 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the
subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 16 and 17 as follows:

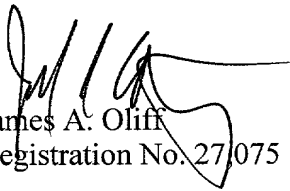
--16. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image carrier
is a plurality of image carriers.--

--17. The image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said driving force
transmission apparatus has an apparatus for transferring driving force from the drive source
to a first image carrier and an apparatus for transferring driving force from said drive source
to a second image carrier.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 11-17 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, both occurrences of Claim 9 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 16 and 17 are added to compensate for the material deleted from both occurrences of Claim 9. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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